

WJLA/ABC-24/7 - FCC REPORT

JULY- SEPTEMBER 2020

CRIME & VIOLENCE (**Coronavirus Distancing Period)

7/5 - WJLA 5AM (:45)

THE SEARCH IS ON THIS MORNING FOR WHOEVER SHOT UP A NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOUTHEAST-- KILLING A CHILD. IT HAPPENED ON SATURDAY... POLICE SAY A GROUP OF FIVE MEN STARTED SHOOTING JUST OUTSIDE THE "FREDERICK DOUGLASS COMMUNITY CENTER" -- WHEN A BULLET HIT DAVON {day-vahn} MCNEAL. HIS GRANDFATHER -- WHO'S WORKED FOR DECADES TRYING TO PREVENT CRIME AS THE FOUNDER OF THE DC GUARDIAN ANGELS... SAYS *SOMEONE OUT THERE KNOWS WHO TOOK HIS GRANDSON'S LIFE. (SOT) AYALA SAYS LITTLE DAVON {day-vahn} AND HIS FAMILY JUST CANCELED A TRIP TO FLORIDA BECAUSE OF COVID-19... THINKING THEY WOULD BE SAFER IN THE DISTRICT.

7/14 - WJLA 11PM (1:40)

MCNEIL WAS ONE OF MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE MURDERED SO FAR IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR ... AND NEW TONIGHT ... A YOUNG ACTIVIST IS ASKING US TO TAKE A DIFFERENT LOOK AT THE PROBLEM. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE'S LOU HOLDER IS HERE WITH AN EYE-OPENING INTERVIEW. MICHELLE WHILE THE COMMUNITY IS DEMANDING JUSTICE AND AN END TO THE VIOLENCE ... A PASSIONATE ACTIVIST I SPOKE TO ... SAYS WE NEED TO RADICALLY CHANGE HOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE ... AND THE OFTEN YOUNG MEN WHO ARE PULLING THE TRIGGER. TIA BELL CREATED THE "TRIGGER PROJECT" ... AN ACRONYM WHICH MEANS "THE TRUE REASONS I GRABBED THE GUN EVOLVED FROM RISKS." BELL WHO IS ALSO A COUNSELOR AT BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL IN FORRESTVILLE HELPED ORGANIZE RALLIES AFTER DAYVON'S MURDER. HER GROUP LOOKS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE BY ENGAGING YOUNG

PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND IDENTIFYING ROOT CAUSES OF THE TRAUMA PEOPLE FACE ... BEFORE THEY PICK UP A GUN. IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE TRIGGER PROJECT ... WE'VE PUT SOME INFORMATION WITH THIS STORY AT WJLA DOT COM. MEANTIME FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DAYVON MCNIEL ARE SET FOR THIS FRIDAY.

7/21 - WJLA 4AM (:45)

THE D.C. COUNCIL WILL VOTE THIS MORNING ON A BUDGET THAT CALLS FOR CUTS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND THIS IS AMID CONCERN ABOUT VIOLENT CRIME AND THE PUSH TO REFORM DEPARTMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. IF THE PROPOSAL PASSES, AND THE C-F-O APPROVES IT, THERE WOULD BE A HIRING FREEZE IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS WOULD DECREASE FROM ABOUT 38-HUNDRED...TO ABOUT 36-HUNDRED. CUTS TO THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TOTAL 15-MILLION DOLLARS. MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER IS NOT ON BOARD WITH THE PROPOSAL. SHE'S CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED CUTS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COULD COST THE CITY LATER, WHEN IT COMES TO OVERTIME. MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER IS NOT ON BOARD WITH THE PROPOSAL. SHE'S CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED CUTS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COULD COST THE CITY LATER, WHEN IT COMES TO OVERTIME.

8/9 - ABC7-24/7 5PM (:18)

SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE DUG IN TO THE DATA... AND FOUND THAT THIS YEAR'S HOMICIDE RATE IN D-C.. IS 17-PERCENT *HIGHER THAN THIS SAME TIME LAST YEAR! AS OF FRIDAY-- THERE HAD BEEN 115 MURDERS SO FAR IN 20-20. ON THAT SAME DATE LAST YEAR-- THERE HAD BEEN 98 MURDERS. DESPITE THIS SPIKE-- OVERALL CRIME IS ACTUALLY DOWN 18-PERCENT.

8/13 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:25)

D-C POLICE ARE NOW OFFERING A 75-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE GUNMEN WHO OPENED FIRE ON A WEEKEND BLOCK PARTY IN SOUTHEAST. POLICE SAY THE GUNMEN FIRED MORE THAN *ONE HUNDRED* SHOTS ALONG 33RD STREET. A 17-YEAR-OLD FATHER - CHRISTOPHER BROWN - WAS KILLED. 21 OTHERS -- INCLUDING AN OFF DUTY OFFICER-- WERE SHOT. POLICE SAY THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR *FOUR* SUSPECTS.

8/27 - ABC7- 24/7 8AM (1:00)

MEANWHILE-- THE DISTRICT IS TAKING STEPS TO ADDRESS POLICE VIOLENCE. THE NEWLY FORMED "D-C POLICE REFORM COMMISSION" MET FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST NIGHT. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT M-P-D'S CURRENT PRACTICES-- AND THEN OFFER WAYS TO IMPROVE POLICING. IN THEIR FIRST MEETING-- MEMBERS LAID THE GROUND RULES FOR HOW THEY'LL OPERATE. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED WHY THEIR MISSION IS IMPORTANT. FORMING THIS COMMISSION WAS ONE OF MORE THAN A DOZEN ACTIONS TAKEN IN D-C'S RECENTLY PASSED "COMPREHENSIVE POLICING AND JUSTICE REFORM ACT."

9/1 - WJLA 5AM (1:25)

THIS MORNING-- THE DISTRICT IS PUTTING SOME DISTANCE-- BETWEEN BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS-- AND PEOPLE WHO *SAY-- THEY STAND WITH THE GROUP. D-C MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER-- IS BLAMING WHAT SHE CALLS-- "OUTSIDE AGITATORS"-- FOR STIRRING UP VIOLENT PROTESTS THIS WEEKEND. A-B-C SEVEN CAMERAS WERE THERE LAST NIGHT-- WHEN THEY WERE RELEASED FROM POLICE CUSTODY. TWO THAT CAME HERE IN A VAN FROM SEATTLE AND PORTLAND-- CLAIM THEY WERE TRYING TO PROVIDE SUPPLIES TO PROTESTERS-- WHEN POLICE ARRESTED THEM FOR DRIVING IN A CROWD-- NEAR BLACK LIVES

MATTER PLAZA SUNDAY NIGHT. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE-- CROSS CHECKED DC POLICE AND COURT RECORDS-- AND SO FAR-- ABOUT HALF OF THOSE ARRESTED-- WERE FROM OUTSIDE THE D-M-V-- OR HAD NO ADDRESS LISTED. IN TERMS OF VIOLENCE--- 42 PERCENT OF THE PROTESTERS ARRESTED OVER THE WEEKEND-- WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON AN OFFICER OR OTHERS. SINCE THE PROTESTS BEGAN IN MAY-- ASSAULT HAS MADE UP EIGHT PERCENT OF ALL ARRESTS.

9/15 - WJLA 6PM (1:00)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS JUST IN NOW IN - SHOT TO DEATH BY U-S PARK POLICE OFFICERS THREE YEARS AGO. THE TWO OFFICERS INVOLVED NOW SAY THEY FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES - AFTER GIVING BIJAN GHAI SAR QUOTE, "CHANCE AFTER CHANCE." YOU'LL REMEMBER - THIS ALL STARTED WITH A SLOW-SPEED CHASE... AFTER SOMEONE REAR-ENDED GHAI SAR ON THE G-W PARKWAY. IT ENDED WHEN OFFICERS FIRED TEN SHOTS AT GHAI SAR - KILLING HIM - AFTER HIS CAR BEGAN TO PULL AWAY FROM A STOP. IN JUST-FILED COURT DOCUMENTS, THOSE OFFICERS SAY GHAI SAR... WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA - APPEARED "ZOMBIE-LIKE" - AND THEY FEARED IF HE KEPT DRIVING, MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE AT-RISK. THE OFFICERS ALSO SAY HE DROVE AT THEM... THOUGH THAT IS NOT CLEAR IN DASH-CAM VIDEO. ABC-7 REACHED OUT TO GHAI SAR'S FAMILY WHO JUST RESPONDED, CALLING TODAY'S FILING QUOTE, "A PATHETIC ATTEMPT TO REWRITE HISTORY." FEDERAL PROSECUTORS DECLINED TO PRESS CHARGES. FAIRFAX COUNTY'S COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY - IS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO FILE CHARGES. A CIVIL LAWSUIT OVER GHAI SAR'S DEATH - GOES TO TRIAL IN NOVEMBER.

9/23 - WJLA - 5AM (:40)

MARYLAND STATE SENATORS WILL RESUME THEIR VIRTUAL HEARINGS-- ON POLICE REFORM TODAY. THEY'RE CONSIDERING 15 POLICE REFORM BILLS. PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE TESTIFIED YESTERDAY. THE

HEARINGS ARE TAKING PLACE TODAY AND TOMORROW-- FROM ONE TO FIVE P.M. IF YOU WANT TO WATCH-- WE HAVE A LINK AT WJLA-DOT-COM.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

7/8 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:45)

AFTER NEARLY TWELVE HOURS-- THE D-C COUNCIL HELD ITS FIRST OF TWO VOTES-- ON THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. THE COUNCIL ALSO PASSED EMERGENCY LEGISLATION-- THAT WILL GIVE 100 MILLION DOLLARS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES. THE GRANT MONEY WILL COME FROM THE FEDERAL "CARES ACT." LAST WEEK-- WE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE IMPACT THE PANDEMIC IS HAVING ON D-C NIGHTLIFE INDUSTRY-- BECAUSE BARS ARE STILL CLOSED. THE COUNCIL ALSO DELAYED A CORPORATE TAX CUT IN ORDER TO PUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN OTHER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. COUNCILMAN CHARLES ALLEN SAYS 3 MILLION DOLLARS WILL GO TOWARDS HELPING UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS DURING THE PANDEMIC. A MILLION DOLLARS WILL HELP FUND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS-- LIKE VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS... AND ONE MILLION DOLLARS WILL GO TO SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.

7/15 - ABC7-24/7 9AM (:20)

FREDERICKSBURG'S CITY COUNCIL IS URGING LAWMAKERS-- TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF CHANGING THE NAME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY-- DURING NEXT MONTH'S SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THEY VOTED LAST NIGHT-- TO RE-NAME THE SECTION-- THAT RUNS THROUGH THE CITY. STRETCHES OF "ROUTE ONE"-- HAVE ALREADY BEEN RENAMED IN ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA.

7/22 - ABC7-24/7 10AM (:20)

A FOLLOW UP TO A STORY WE BROUGHT YOU YESTERDAY-- ON GOOD MORNING WASHINGTON. SOUTHEAST D-C IS GETTING A NEW HOSPITAL. THE D-C COUNCIL APPROVED THE BILL-- THAT WILL BRING A HOSPITAL-- TO ST. ELIZABETH'S EAST THAT'S IN WARD 8. COUNCILMAN VINCENT GRAY TELLS SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE-- THIS WOULD BE A GAME CHANGER. GRAY SAYS-- THE URGENT CARE CENTERS COULD OPEN WITHIN A YEAR-- AND THE NEW HOSPITAL BY FALL OF 20-24.

8/1 - WJLA 8AM (:25)

TODAY A COALITION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WILL RALLY FOR POLICE-FREE SCHOOLS-- AND A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT IN D-C. IT'S PART OF A LIST OF DEMANDS FOR MAYOR BOWSER AND THE D-C COUNCIL FROM AN ALLIANCE OF OVER 65 COMMUNITY GROUPS. STARTING AT THREE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON THEY'LL MARCH FROM THE "NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE" TO FREEDOM PLAZA.

8/10 - WJLA 7AM (:25)

IN VIRGINIA – EVICTIONS ARE NOW PAUSED. FRIDAY - THE STATE SUPREME COURT GANTED A REQUEST FROM GOVERNOR NORTHAM TO SUSPEND EVICTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7TH. THE GOVERNOR BELIEVES THAT WILL GIVE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENOUGH TIME TO PASS A RENT RELIEF PACKAGE TO HELP PEOPLE STRUGGLING IN THE PANDEMIC. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY MORE THAN 6-THOUSAND EVICTION CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURTS AROUND THE COMMONWEALTH.

8/29 - WJLA 8AM (:27)

YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT VOTING IN PERSON VIRGINIA'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SENATE-- HAVE EACH PASSED DIFFERENT BILLS WAIVING "WITNESS SIGNATURES" FOR MAIL IN BALLOTS. BOTH ALSO ADD PREPAID POSTAGE AND DROP BOXES. MINOR DIFFERENCES STILL NEED TO BE HAMMERED OUT, BUT A BILL IS EXPECTED ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK SOON. WHEN IT COMES TO HANDING IN A BALLOT, VIRGINIA CURRENTLY ONLY ALLOWS YOU TO PERSONALLY HAND IT TO THE REGISTRAR DURING NORMAL HOURS

9/1 - ABC7-24/7 1PM (:25)

THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTINUES TO MEET IN A SPECIAL SESSION FOCUSED ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE REFORM. MONDAY -- A BILL ENDING QUALIFIED IMMUNITY FOR POLICE FAILED TO MAKE IT OUT OF A HOUSE COMMITTEE. QUALIFIED IMMUNITY GENERALLY PROTECTS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, FROM FINANCIAL LIABILITY IF THEY ARE ACTING IN THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES. A SIMILAR BILL FAILED TO CLEAR A SENATE COMMITTEE, WHICH DECIDED MORE STUDY WAS REQUIRED.

9/2 - ABC7 - 24/7 2PM (:30)

THE COUNCIL MEETING JUST WRAPPED UP. ELRICH WAS VERY CRITICAL OF GOVERNOR HOGAN'S DECISION, CLAIMING NO MARYLAND ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE CONSULTED BEFORE IT AS ANNOUNCED. TOM ROUSSEY IS WORKING ON THIS GOVERNMENT CLASH AND WILL HAVE A FULL REPORT AT FOUR. AS FOR THE REST OF THE STATE -- UNDER PHASE 3, RETAIL STORES, MALLS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP CAN HOLD 75 PERCENT OF THEIR CAPACITY. INDOOR THEATERS AND OUTDOOR VENUES CAN HAVE 50 PERCENT OF THEIR CAPACITY. IT'S WELCOME NEWS FOR MANY...BUT FOR SOME BUSINESSES THE REOPENING WAS TOO LATE.

9/15 - ABC7- 24/7 11AM (:40)

DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN NORTHEAST D.C. WHOSE HOMES WERE DAMAGED DURING LAST WEEKS' HEAVY RAIN ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR REPAIRS. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE IS WORKING TO HELP AFTER SEWAGE BACKED UP IN SOME HOMES. NEARLY 75 RESIDENTS HAVE REACHED OUT TO D.C. WATER AND COUNCILMAN KENYAN MCDUFFIE FOR ASSISTANCE. D.C. WATER IS FINALIZING PLANS FOR A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING TOMORROW, TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS. D.C. WATER IS ALSO EXPANDING ITS BACKWATER VALVE REBATE PROGRAM. TO FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY, GO TO WJLA-DOT-COM.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

7/15- WJLA 11PM (:20)

7 IS ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT... AND THIS HAS TO DO WITH YOUR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION... GUYS, I'M LOOKING AT YOU. PREVIOUS GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED NO MORE THAN *TWO ADULT DRINKS A DAY FOR MEN, AND *ONE FOR WOMEN. MEN... YA GOTTA CUT THAT IN HALF AND BE MORE LIKE THE WOMEN... THAT'S THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PROPOSED UPDATE TO U.S. DIETARY GUIDELINES.

7/29 WJLA 4AM (:35)

THIS FRIDAY-- COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE RETURNING-- TO PARTS OF VIRGINIA-- AS CASES SURGE. THE EASTERN HEALTH DISTRICT-- WHICH INCLUDES VIRGINIA BEACH-- AND THE TIDEWATER AREA-- IS DRIVING THE SURGE STATEWIDE-- NOT JUST IN CASES-- BUT POSITIVITY RATE. ONE IN TEN PEOPLE WHO GETS TESTED-- COMES BACK COVID POSITIVE. THAT'S NEARLY DOUBLE THE RATE-- HERE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA. THAT'S WHY VIRGINIA GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM-- IS RE-IMPOSING SOME RESTRICTIONS-- BUT ONLY IN THAT EASTERN DISTRICT. HERE'S WHAT'S CHANGING-- STARTING FRIDAY-- LAST CALL FOR ALCOHOL WILL BE 10 P-M. RESTAURANTS WILL HAVE TO CLOSE UP BY MIDNIGHT. AND INDOOR DINING IS BEING CUT BACK-- TO 50 PERCENT CAPACITY.

8/4 - ABC7- 24/7 10PM (:23)

SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE WITH A CONSUMER ALERT NOW. THE F-D-A IS AGAIN EXPANDING ITS LIST OF POTENTIALLY DEADLY HAND SANITIZERS. THE LIST NOW INCLUDES MORE THAN 100 PRODUCTS. THE AGENCY IS WARNING A COMPANY BASED IN MEXICO IS SELLING PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN METHANOL. THE ALCOHOL CAN POISON PEOPLE THROUGH THE

SKIN... BUT THE BIGGEST RISK IS TO CHILDREN WHO ACCIDENTALLY INGEST IT. WE'VE POSTED THE ENTIRE LIST ON WJLA-DOT-COM.

8/29 -ABC7 24/7 9AM (:55)

NEW DETAILS OUT OF HOWARD COUNTY TONIGHT WHERE... INVESTIGATORS NOW SAY A DRIVER KILLED *BY A MARYLAND STATE TROOPER THIS MORNING HAD A MACHETE UNDER HIS SEAT. IT ALL STARTED AS A D-U-I STOP ON NORTHBOUND I-95 AROUND TWO A-M. AS THE TROOPER -- AND THEN BACKUP -- APPROACHED THE S-U-V... POLICE SAY THEY SAW ALCOHOL CONTAINERS AND SIGNS THE MAN WAS DRUNK. DRAGGED FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET -- THE TROOPER FIRED HIS GUN BEFORE BEING THROWN FROM THE VEHICLE. HE WAS HURT -- BUT IS ALREADY OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. INVESTIGATORS HAVE IDENTIFIED THE DRIVER AS A MAN FROM BALTIMORE.

8/7- WJLA 6PM (:30)

NEW TONIGHT - ARLINGTON POLICE SAY THEY'VE CAUGHT THE BICYCLIST - WHO HAS BEEN ATTACKING PEOPLE ON ARLINGTON TRAILS FOR THE PAST MONTH. YOU'LL REMEMBER - 7ON YOURSIDE TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS MAN ON FRIDAY. POLICE SAY HE WOULD BURST INTO A FIT OF RAGE - AND HIT PEOPLE WHO TOLD HIM TO SLOW DOWN... AND OFTEN PULL DOWN HIS PANTS - AS HE RODE AWAY. POLICE NOW SAY THAT CYCLIST - IS THIS MAN... 55-YEAR-OLD DAVID MARLOWE. HE FACES CHARGES OF ROBBERY, ASSAULT, INDECENT EXPOSURE - AND FELONY MARIJUANA POSSESSION.

9/11 WJLA 11PM (:25)

7 IS ON YOUR SIDE WITH A CONSUMER ALERT ALL NEW AT 11... LOCALLY RUN "CORGIO MED" RECALLING *ALL* "LEAFREE INSTANT HAND SANITIZER ALOE VERA," SANITIZER BOTTLES BECAUSE THEY'RE LABELED AS QUOTE "EDIBLE ALCOHOL." IT IS *NOT.* THAT CAN BE A DEADLY MISTAKE AT WORST. IN FACT, THERE'S CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE WITH ALCOHOL ADDICTION COULD CONSUME IT. WE HAVE GOT THE RECALL INFORMATION ON OUR WEB SITE WJLA DOT COM.

9/22 WJLA 6PM (:15)

NEW FIGURES JUST OUT FROM MARYLAND - SHOW THE DANGEROUS RIPPLE EFFECT FROM THE PANDEMIC. THE STATE SAYS IT SAW A 9-PERCENT INCREASE IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEATHS THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR - COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. THE REPORT BLAMES THE PANDEMIC - FOR INCREASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE STATEWIDE.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

7/2- WJLA 4PM (:40)

NEW INFORMATION IN THE CASE OF A D-C POLICE OFFICER STABBED THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED NEAR NEW YORK AVENUE AND 13TH STREET NORTHWEST JUST AFTER SIX. INVESTIGATORS SAY A HOMELESS MAN STABBED THE OFFICER IN THE HEAD, NECK AND BACK. MOMENTS LATER -- A SECOND HOMELESS MAN RUSHED IN TO HELP SAVE THE OFFICER'S LIFE. THE OFFICER WAS INVESTIGATING AN ASSAULT WHEN HE WAS STABBED WITH A PAIR OF SCISSORS. THERE'S NO WORD IF THE WOUNDED OFFICER IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL TONIGHT. POLICE HAVE A SUSPECT IN CUSTODY.

7/11 - WJLA 8AM (:30)

THIS MORNING-- FOUR NURSING HOMES IN MARYLAND ARE FACING FINES FOR FAILING TO TEST ALL RESIDENTS AND STAFF FOR THE CORONAVIRUS. IN APRIL--GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN ORDERED UNIVERSAL TESTING AT ALL MARYLAND NURSING HOMES."VITA ADELPHI NURSING" IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND THE "STADIUM PLACE NURSING AND REHAB CENTER" IN BALTIMORE EACH FACE A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE. THE "GLEN BURNIE HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER" AND THE "POTOMAC VALLEY REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE" IN ROCKVILLE EACH FACE A FOUR-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE.

7/22 - WJLA 5AM (:30)

7 IS ON YOUR SIDE-- HELPING LOCAL CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS-- OR NEED HELP GETTING THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES THEY NEED. ABC7 IS PARTNERING WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA-- FOR "OPERATION BACKPACK." YOU CAN GO TO "WJLA.COM -SLASH- BACKPACK"-- TO DONATE MONEY-- TO HELP BUY LAPTOPS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING--

OR SCHOOL SUPPLIES-- FROM OUR ONLINE STORE. WE'RE KICKING OFF A BIG PUSH TODAY WITH A DONATION DRIVE IN ALEXANDRIA. STORMWATCH SEVEN METEOROLOGIST EILEEN WHELAN IS OUT THERE. WE'LL CHECK IN WITH HER-- IN OUR NEXT HALF HOUR.

8/3 - ABC7-24/7 10PM (:12)

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY HERE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.. FLOOD BARRIERS GOING UP AT GEORGETOWN WATERFRONT-- AN AREA PRONE TO FLOODING. AND IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA-- SANDBAGS BEING PUT OUT IN FRONT OF STORES AND HOMES THIS AFTERNOON.

8/21 ABC7-24/7 10PM (:45)

ACTIVISTS IN LOUDOUN COUNTY SAY SOME RESIDENTS COULD LOSE THEIR HOMES UNLESS THE STATE TAKES ACTION. THE GROUP "NEW VIRGINIA MAJORITY" HELD A CAR CARAVAN AND RALLY A FEW HOURS AGO. THEY WANT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR NORTHAM TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS -- AND ADD A BILLION DOLLARS TO THE RENT AND MORTGAGE-ASSISTANCE FUND. THEY SAY-- WITHOUT THAT -- THOSE WHO HAVE THE *LEAST, STAND TO LOSE THE *MOST. THE GROUP WANTS THE MORATORIUM EXTENDED *AT LEAST UNTIL NEXT APRIL. SO FAR -- THERE'S NO INDICATION THAT WILL HAPPEN.

8/26 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:45)

A COMMUNITY IN THE DISTRICT IS NOW FIGHTING TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES. RESIDENTS IN PARK MORTON SAY THEY ARE BEING PUSHED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PANDEMIC FOR A REDEVELOPEMENT THAT THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO MOVE BACK INTO. WJLA 24/7 COVERED PROTESTS IN FEBRUARY, JUST WEEKS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC HIT. THEY'RE NOW BEGGING THE D-C HOUSING AUTHORITY TO HELP THEM STAY IN WARD ONE. RESIDENTS SAY THEY'VE HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY

HAVE TO LEAVE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE D-C HOUSING AUTHORITY SAYS THEY ARE STILL OFFERING VOUCHERS TO MOVE.

9/7- WJLA 5AM (:30)

AND WHILE THE DISTRICT REMAINS UNDER THAT EMERGENCY ORDER-- SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE-- WITH THE RENTER'S RIGHTS THAT BOTH LANDLORDS *AND* TENANTS HAVE TO ABIDE BY... LANDLORDS HAVE TO DEVELOP A RENT PAYMENT PLAN -- AND ALLOW THAT TO STAY IN PLACE DURING THE EMERGENCY--AND THEN FOR AN EXTRA YEAR. THE LANDLORD CAN'T REPORT THAT THE TENANT IS ON A PAYMENT PLAN TO ANY CREDIT BUREAUS... AND THE TENANT *HAS TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FROM THE PANDEMIC.

9/15- WJLA 12PM (:40)

DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN NORTHEAST D-C ARE DEALING WITH DAMAGE FROM FLOODING, AFTER LAST WEEK' HEAVY RAIN. AND SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE IS WORKING TO HELP. SEWAGE BACKED UP IN SOME HOMES. NEARLY 75 RESIDENTS HAVE REACHED OUT TO D-C WATER AND COUNCILMAN KENYAN MCDUFFIE FOR ASSISTANCE. D-C WATER IS FINALIZING PLANS FOR A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING TOMORROW. RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS. D-C WATER IS ALSO EXPANDING ITS BACKWATER VALVE REBATE PROGRAM. TO FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY, GO TO WJLA-DOT-COM.

9/23- WJLA 6AM (:25)

IF YOU LIVE IN COLUMBIA MARYLAND--- YOU'RE IN ONE OF THE TOP FIVE-- -- *BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA. MONEY DOT COM-- MADE THE RANKINGS BASED ON THINGS LIKE GREAT JOBS AND HOMES YOU CAN AFFORD. EVANS, GEORGIA RANKED NUMBER ONE-- THE SECOND BEST

PLACE TO LIVE IS PARKER, COLORADO-- ROCKWALL, TEXAS AND THE
FIFTH BEST PLACE TO LIVE-- COLUMBIA, MARYLAND-- ASHBURN,
VIRGINIA RANKED NUMBER 11.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

7/7 - ABC7-24/7 10AM (:35)

HEALTH OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO SHED LIGHT ON THE RACIAL DISPARITIES AMONG CASES OF COVID-19. WHILE LATINOS MAKE UP ONLY 10-PERCENT OF VIRGINIA'S POPULATION.. THEY ACCOUNT FOR ROUGHLY 45-PERCENT OF CONFIRMED CASES. A "NEW YORK TIMES" INVESTIGATION ANALYZED C-D-C DATA - AND REVEALED LATINO AND BLACK RESIDENTS ARE THREE TIMES AS LIKELY TO CONTRACT COVID-19.. AS WHITE RESIDENTS. THEY'RE ALSO TWICE AS LIKELY TO DIE FROM THE VIRUS. A LOCAL DOCTOR WITH INOVA HEALTH SYSTEM'S DIVISION OF POPULATION HEALTH SAYS - HE HOPES THE PANDEMIC HELPS PEOPLE REALIZE THEY HAVE A MEDICAL HOME - SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO LET CHRONIC DISEASES GO UNMANAGED.

7/14 - ABC7-24/7 3PM (:20)

MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN IS PRESSING LOCAL LEADERS TO STEP UP ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS. AS OF TODAY, THE POSITIVITY RATE AMONG YOUNGER MARYLANDER IS NOW AT 84-PERCENT HOGAN SAYS VIOLATORS SHOULD BE WARNED, FINED, HAVE ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING THEIR LICENSES OR CLOSE IF NECESSARY.

7/21 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:40)

HAPPENING TODAY THE D-C COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON A BILL THAT WOULD BRING A NEW HOSPITAL TO SAINT ELIZABETH'S EAST ... IN WARD 8. COUNCILMAN VINCENT GRAY TELLS SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE THIS WOULD FILL A HUGE NEED! (SOT) IF APPROVED-- GRAY SAYS WE COULD SEE THE URGENT CARE CENTERS ... WITHIN A YEAR ... AND THE NEW HOSPITAL ... BY THE FALL OF 20-24.

8/7 - WJLA 12PM (:34)

NOW TO MARYLAND... AND THE REFUSAL BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ALLOW FOR THE REOPENING OF PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS -- DESPITE AN ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR TO LET THEM MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ON THE FALL. IN A LETTER TO

GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN... MARYLAND HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CLAIMED DOCTOR TRAVIS GAYLES "OVERSTEPPED HIS AUTHORITY" -- AND CALLED ON HOGAN TO DECLARE SCHOOLS "ESSENTIAL" -- AND TO WITHHOLD HEALTH FUNDS FROM LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THAT DO NOT COMPLY. SOME MONTGOMERY PRIVATE SCHOOL PARENTS ARE CHALLENGING GAYLES' ORDER IN FEDERAL COURT -- WITH A HEARING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT FRIDAY.

8/17- WJLA 6AM (:30)

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE - TRACKING THE LATEST ON THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK. VIRGINIA RECORDED 851 NEW INFECTIONS ON SATURDAY.. THE DISTRICT REPORTED 61 CASES... AND MARYLAND'S COUNT GREW BY 519. THIS COMES AS THE F-D-A HAS APPROVED A *NEW TEST - THAT COULD CUT DOWN ON YOUR WAIT TIME. THEY GRANTED EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR A TEST THAT USES SALIVA - INSTEAD OF A NASAL SWAB. RESEARCHERS FROM THE YALE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEVELOPED IT. THEY SAY RESULTS CAN BE DETERMINED IN UNDER THREE-HOURS.. AND TESTS ARE EXPECTED TO COST ABOUT TEN-DOLLARS PER SAMPLE.

8/25 - WJLA 6AM (:20)

IF YOU LIVE IN VIRGINIA, YOU APPARENTLY WON'T BE FORCED TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19, IN THE FUTURE. ON FRIDAY, STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER, DR. NORMAN OLIVER, SAID HE'LL MANDATE VACCINATIONS, ONCE THEY'RE MADE AVAILABLE. BUT GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM SAYS HE "WON'T" MANDATE A VACCINE. A SPOKESPERSON SAYS WE ARE, QUOTE, "FOCUSED ON ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF A VACCINE ... NOT ON A MANDATE."

9/8 - ABC7-24/7 11AM (:20)

N A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE DISTRICT UPDATED ITS LIST OF HIGH-RISK STATES. AND AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, D-C'S PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS 29 STATES TO BE "HIGH-RISK." AND ANYONE TRAVELING INTO THE DISTRICT FROM THESE STATES IS SUPPOSED TO SELF-QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS. AND IF YOU SPENT THE HOLIDAY ON THE DELAWARE BEACHES, SOME GOOD NEWS, THE FIRST STATE IS BACK OFF THE QUARANTINE LIST.

9/17- ABC7-24/7 11AM (:25)

HEALTH OFFICIALS IN MARYLAND ARE TELLING RESIDENTS TO BE PREPARED TO USE MASKS AND HANDWASHING WELL INTO NEXT YEAR. THAT'S BECAUSE IT WILL LIKELY BE ANOTHER SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE ANY VACCINE CAN GO INTO DISTRIBUTION. AND THAT'S AFTER IT'S PROVEN TO WORK IN THE BEST CASE SCENARIO. MARYLAND SENATE PRESIDENT BILL FERGUSON SAID WHILE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IS BEING MADE THE LOGISTICS THAT GO INTO DISTRIBUTING A VACCINE ARE QUOTE-- "ENORMOUS AND HERCULEAN".

9/25 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:25)

TONIGHT - PRESIDENT TRUMP IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND A RALLY IN VIRGINIA. THE EVENT WILL BE AT THE NEWPORT NEWS-WILLIAMSBURG AIRPORT. BUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR IN THAT AREA SAYS THE RALLY POSES A SEVERE HEALTH THREAT. GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM HAS LIMITED LARGE PUBLIC GATHERINGS IN THE HAMPTON ROADS AREA BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. THE NEWPORT NEWS POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT DOES HAVE PROTOCOLS IN PLACE TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY, THE PRESIDENT AND HIS STAFF SAFE.

RACIAL, ETHIC, RELIGIOUS & SEX

7/3 - WJLA – 12PM (:15)

A MURAL IS BEING PAINTED TOMORROW IN A HISTORICALLY BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD IN ANNAPOLIS ... AS A MEMORIAL TO BREONNA TAYLOR. THE 26-YEAR-OLD WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE WHILE IN HER LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY APARTMENT IN MARCH. SHE WAS ASLEEP WHEN OFFICERS EXECUTED A NO-KNOCK WARRANT. HER DEATH SPARKED PROTESTS AND A CHANGE IN CITY LAW. THE MURAL IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AFRICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE ... AND THE BANNEKER DOUGLASS MUSEUM.

7/7 - WJLA – 4AM (:40)

LOCAL DOCTORS ARE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE NUMBER OF CORONAVIRUS CASES. LATINOS MAKE UP ONLY 10-PERCENT OF VIRGINIA'S POPULATION.. BUT ROUGHLY 45-PERCENT OF COVID-19 CASES. DR. CHAD ZIK (ZICK) WORKS WITH INOVA HEALTH SYSTEM'S DIVISION OF POPULATION HEALTH. THAT UNIT HELPS UNDERSERVED PEOPLE ACROSS THE REGION WITH AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE CLINICS. A "NEW YORK TIMES" INVESTIGATION ANALYZED C-D-C DATA. IT SHOWS, LATINO AND BLACK RESIDENTS ARE THREE TIMES AS LIKELY TO CONTRACT COVID-19.. AS WHITE RESIDENTS. AND THEY'RE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DIE FROM THE VIRUS.

7/16 -WJLA 4PM (:50)

NEW AT 4... A GROUP OF CYCLISTS RODE MORE THAN 400 MILES TO HELP FIGHT RACIAL INJUSTICE. THE 13 DAY RIDE STARTED ON JULY 4TH - THEY BIKED FROM RICHMOND TO BALTIMORE BEFORE FINISHING HERE IN DC TODAY. THE GROUP PROTESTED IN EACH CITY. "BIKING FOR JUSTICE 401" WAS STARTED BY A 23-YEAR-OLD FROM LOS ANGELES, WITH THE

GOAL OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE N-DOUBLE-A-C-P. THEY HAVE NOW RAISED MORE THAN 8 THOUSAND DOLLARS TOWARD THEIR 10 THOUSAND DOLLAR GOAL.

8/4- ABC7-24/7 6AM (:20)

AN UPDATE ON A CONTROVERSIAL BAN IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN IS NOW BANNING THE BLANKET CLOSURE OF PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS. FRIDAY, THE COUNTY ORDERED THEM *NOT* TO HOLD IN-PERSON CLASSES THROUGH OCTOBER FIRST. DOCTOR TRAVIS GAYLES AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC ELRICH SAY THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER BLINDSIDED THEM. EXECUTIVE ELRICH CALLS HOGAN'S MOVE "POLITICAL"... BUT GOVERNOR HOGAN SAYS PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS SHOULD BE AFFORDED THE SAME FLEXIBILITY AS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

8/14 - ABC7- 24/7 8AM (:30)

AUGUST 28TH-- IS ALSO WHEN THE "COMMITMENT MARCH" IS SCHEDULED TO HAPPEN IN THE DISTRICT. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE WILL HOLD A TOWN HALL NEXT TUESDAY-- COVERING THE ISSUES AHEAD OF THE MARCH. OUR JONATHAN ELIAS AND MICHELLE MARCH WILL HOST THE DISCUSSION TITLED: "THE RACIAL DIVIDE, TIME FOR CHANGE, THE COMMITMENT MARCH." WJLA 24-SEVEN NEWS AND "WJLA DOT COM" WILL HAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE-- OF THE RACIAL JUSTICE DEMONSTRATION... AND BRING YOU LIVE COVERAGE OF THIS HISTORIC EVENT AS IT HAPPENS.

8/13 ABC7-24/7 7AM (1:00)

IT WAS A HISTORIC MORNING-- *THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY MAKING THEIR WAY TO D-C FOR THE MARCH ON THE NATIONAL MALL ON FRIDAY. AND NOW WE'RE GETTING A LOOK AT THE *PRIORITIES OF THE PEOPLE AT THE PEACEFUL COMMITMENT MARCH. A UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND PROFESSOR AND HER TEAM OF RESEARCHERS SURVEYED THE CROWD. AND ACCORDING TO THEIR EARLY RESULTS-- THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES WERE REDUCING RACE-BASED POVERTY AND HEALTH DISPARITIES. THE RESEARCHERS SAY THEY WERE SURPRISED HOW *FEW PEOPLE WERE SAYING THEIR BIGGEST PRIORITIES HAD TO DO WITH POLICE.

FOR THOSE WHO MENTIONED POLICE-- 59-PERCENT SAID THE HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE IMPROVING POLICE TRAINING TO INCREASE RACIAL SENSITIVITY. YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THIS RESEARCH ON OUR WEBSITE-- WJLA-DOT-COM. WE ALSO HAVE FULL COVERAGE OF THE COMMITMENT MARCH-- INCLUDING VIDEO OF THE SPEECHES-- AND A PHOTO GALLERY.

9/5 -WJLA 11PM (:50)

THAT PROTEST -- COMING JUST HOURS AFTER A PROTEST OUTSIDE OF AN MPD SUBSTATION IN SOUTHEAST. DEMONSTRATORS THERE-- CALLING THE POLICE LIARS AND MURDERERS -- SAYING THEY WANT CHANGES.. AND ACTION. THE "PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION IN DC" ORGANIZED THAT DEMONSTRATION. THE GROUP'S SPEAKERS CALLING FOR AN END TO THE DISPARITIES IN HOUSING.. EDUCATION.. AND POLICING. ONE MAN WE SPOKE WITH SAID-- THE MORE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES ARE EDUCATED -- THE MORE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GAIN. THE GROUP SAYS THERE IS A CULTURE OF IMPUNITY WHEN IT COMES TO POLICE OFFICERS -- AND THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY CAN RELY ON ELECTED OFFICIALS TO GET JUSTICE.

9/14 - WJLA 5PM (:25)

NEW INFORMATION FROM THE SMITHSONIAN. THIS FRIDAY - HERE'S THE LIST. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE. THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY AND THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM - AND THE RENWICK GALLERY NEAR THE WHITE HOUSE. VISITORS WILL NEED TO RESERVE FREE TIMED ENTRY PASSES FOR MOST OF THE LOCATIONS. UNTIL NOW SMITHSONIAN HAD ONLY REOPENED THE NATIONAL ZOO AND UDVAR HAZY MUSEUM IN DULLES.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

7/5- ABC7-24/7- 10PM (:34)

NEW TONIGHT.. AFTER MORE THAN SIX YEARS OF PLANNING-- AN EIGHT *BILLION DOLLAR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT THROUGH VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA.. HAS BEEN *CANCELED! DEVELOPERS OF THE "ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE"-- INCLUDING DOMINION ENERGY-- MADE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT A SHORT TIME AGO. THE COMPANIES SAY IT'S DUE TO ONGOING DELAYS AND COST ISSUES. THE PROJECT WAS EXPECTED TO CREATE THOUSANDS OF CONSTRUCTION JOBS. LAST MONTH-- THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE PROJECT *COULD GO ON-- DESPITE FIERCE OPPOSITION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS. ONE OF THOSE GROUPS IN VIRGINIA IS CALLING TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT... A HUGE VICTORY.

7/10 ABC7-24/7 8AM (:20)

IT CAN BE HARD TO FIND SILVER LININGS IN THE PANDEMIC -- AS UNEMPLOYMENT AND BANKRUPTCIES SOAR. BUT--HERE'S SOME POSITIVE FINANCIAL NEWS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ABOUT THREE YEARS - AMERICAN CREDIT DEBT IS BELOW A TRILLION DOLLARS. THIS MAKES SENSE CONSIDERING PEOPLE TRYING TO SAVE MORE MONEY IN THE HARSH ECONOMY - AND THE LIMITED SPENDING OPTIONS WITH SO MANY BUSINESSES CLOSED.

7/31 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:30)

WE ARE NOW FIGHTING TWO WARS IN THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. PROTECTING OUR HEALTH--AND OUR BOTTOM LINE.... THE VIRUS HAS HIT THE U.S. ECONOMY HARD ALREADY. BUT NOW DATA SHOWS IT CONTRACTED AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF NEARLY 33 PERCENT FROM APRIL TO JUNE - THE WORST NUMBERS SINCE RECORDS BEGAN AT THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO. 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE FILED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT LAST WEEK JUST AS THOSE EMERGENCY \$600 BENEFIT CHECKS FOR 30 MILLION AMERICANS... ARE NOW SET TO EXPIRE TODAY--

8/6 - WJLA 6AM (:25)

TODAY, THE NATIONAL MALL WILL BE THE CENTER STAGE FOR AN *EMPTY EVENT... THE LIVE EVENTS COALITION FILLED THE AREA WITH *EMPTY TABLES AND A LARGE EMPTY STAGE--- TO SHED LIGHT ON THE IMPACT THE PANDEMIC HAS ON THE INDUSTRY'S 12 MILLION WORKERS. THE GROUP IS ADVOCATING FOR FEDERAL SUPPORT AND AID... BEFORE THE PANDEMIC--- THE LIVE EVENTS INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTED ROUGHLY \$1 TRILLION--- TO THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

8/13 - WJLA 11PM (:15)

7 IS ON YOUR SIDE WITH A CONSUMER ALERT DURING THE PANDEMIC... THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO BECAME FIRST-TIME FILERS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPED BELOW A MILLION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN *TWENTY* WEEKS. STILL, THE NUMBER IS 3-TIMES HIGHER THAN WHAT'S "NORMAL" IN A HEALTHY JOBS MARKET.

8/20 WJLA 4PM (:25)

AFTER DROPPING BELOW ONE-MILLION FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MARCH.. FIRST-TIME UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS CLIMBED BACK ABOVE THAT THRESHOLD LAST WEEK. ONE-POINT-ONE MILLION PEOPLE FILED INITIAL CLAIMS LAST WEEK. NEW JOBLESS CLAIMS FELL IN MARYLAND BUT ROSE IN BOTH D-C AND VIRGINIA. NATIONWIDE -- 14-POINT-EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE HAVE COLLECTED BENEFITS FOR AT LEAST THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

9/10 - ABC7-24/7 10PM (:35)

AND TODAY -- ANOTHER MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM METRO -- HUNDREDS OF JOBS COULD BE LOST.. DUE TO BUDGET CUTS! THAT'S RIGHT - - NEARLY 17-HUNDRED JOBS COULD BE LOST OR VACANT POSITIONS COULD BE LEFT UNFILLED. METRO MIGHT ALSO CUT HOURS AND CLOSE STATIONS

AT 9:00 SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY -- AND NOT EXPAND BUS SERVICE, AS PLANNED.

9/15 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:20)

TOMORROW IS ANOTHER BIG DAY FOR AMAZON-- IT'S HOLDING A CAREER DAY-- AS IT RAMPS UP THE NEED FOR WORKERS. AMAZON ORIGINALLY SAID IT HOPED TO HIRE 33-THOUSAND PEOPLE. BUT NOW-- THE COMPANY WANTS *100-THOUSAND* MORE WORKERS. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE LEARNED - THAT INCLUDES 44-HUNDRED JOBS IN MARYLAND. YOU'LL FIND A LINK FOR HOW TO APPLY RIGHT NOW-- ON THE FRONT PAGE OF WJLA DOT COM.

9/23 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:25)

IF YOU LIVE IN COLUMBIA MARYLAND--- YOU'RE IN ONE OF THE TOP FIVE *BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA. MONEY- DOT- COM---- SAYS THESE FIVE TOWNS--- OFFER GREAT JOBS AND HOMES YOU CAN AFFORD. EVANS, GEORGIA RANKED NUMBER ONE... THE SECOND-BEST PLACE TO LIVE IS PARKER, COLORADO... MERIDIAN, IDAHO ROCKWALL, TEXAS AND THE FIFTH BEST PLACE TO LIVE ... COLUMBIA, MARYLAND ASHBURN, VIRGINIA RANKED NUMBER 11.

EDUCATION

7/1- WJLA 11PM (:20)

COVERING PRINCE GEORGE'S SCHOOLS TONIGHT... 7 ON YOUR SIDE OBTAINED THE RESULTS OF A DISTRICT-WIDE BACK- TO- SCHOOL SURVEY OF PARENTS, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS. JUST ABOUT ONE-IN-TEN SUPPORT A FULL RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING. THERE IS MUCH MORE SUPPORT FOR A MIX OF DISTANCE LEARNING-- OR ALL IN-HOME LESSONS. WHEN IT COMES TO THAT HYBRID MODEL-- MORE THAN 80 PERCENT SUPPORT TWO DAYS AT SCHOOL, TWO AT HOME. ONE-IN-FIVE ALTERNATING WEEKS IN CLASS AND AT HOME.

7/14 - WJLA 4AM (:30)

D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO RELEASE ITS FULL REOPENING PLANS THURSDAY ... COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON TOLD TEACHERS ON "FACEBOOK LIVE"... THAT MONEY WILL BE BUDGETED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ENHANCED DISINFECTING IN SCHOOLS. BUT HE STRESSES EVEN WITH PLANNING ... THE VIRUS IS UNPREDICTABLE.

7/24 - WJLA 5AM (:25)

THIS MORNING-- FALLS CHURCH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS-- IS THE LATEST DISTRICT-- TO GO COMPLETELY VIRTUAL FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE WATCHED THE SCHOOL BOARD-- INTO LATE LAST NIGHT-- AS IT DECIDED TO GO WITH ONLINE-ONLY LEARNING-- FOR THE FIRST NINE WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THAT MIRRORS SURROUNDING DISTRICTS-- IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA. IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE-- BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT. AN

INTERESTING NOTE-- THE WEATHER-- WHILE THOUSANDS LOST POWER-
- DIDN'T AFFECT THIS MEETING.

8/8 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:25)

THIS TUESDAY SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE WILL HOST A TOWN HALL SPECIAL - ON WHAT WILL BE A CHALLENGING START TO THIS SCHOOL YEAR FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN. TEACHERS, P-T-A LEADERS... AS WELL AS MEDICAL EXPERTS WILL PARTICIPATE. THAT'S TUESDAY RIGHT HERE ON WJLA 24/7 NEWS AND WJLA DOT COM. THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IS *ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS.* SO PLEASE GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, AND AT THE VERY TOP, YOU'LL SEE THIS POST. JUST POST YOUR COMMENT, AND WE'LL BRING IT TO THE EXPERTS.

8/12 - ABC7-24/7 2PM (:35)

TODAY -- SAINT MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL START THE YEAR ALL ONLINE AND STAY THAT WAY THROUGH THE FIRST QUARTER. THAT ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING THIS MORNING. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THIS DECISION WILL RE-EVALUATED IN OCTOBER AND COULD CHANGE BASED ON THE TREND IN CONFIRMED CASES. SAINT MARY'S COUNTY HAD BEEN THE LAST MAJOR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN OUR AREA TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE COUNTIES IN RED ON YOUR SCREEN ARE STARTING THE YEAR VIRTUALLY. ONLY CULPEPER COUNTY PLANS TO HAVE IN-PERSON LEARNING BOTH ARE USING HYBRID MODELS.

8/30 - ABC7-24/7 9PM (:35)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS -- *DEFENDING THE DECISION TO CONTINUE ON WITH VIRTUAL LEARNING. THE COUNTY SAYING IN A STATEMENT-- THAT THE DECISION WAS MADE TO *PROTECT THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS AND STAFF. THIS AFTER COUNTY OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE "PERPLEXED" THAT THE GOVERNOR WOULD GIVE THE O-K TO REOPEN SCHOOLS. HOGAN SAYS -- HE WILL APPLY PRESSURE TO DISTRICTS-- TO CONSIDER COMING BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE 2ND QUARTER.

9/1 - WJLA 5AM (:30)

A DEVELOPING STORY AT LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE DISTRICT IS CONFIRMING THAT A STAFF MEMBER-- HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19. THIS MORNING-- SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE HAS DETAILS ABOUT THE CASE. WE KNOW THE INFECTED EMPLOYEE-- WORKS AT PO-TOW-MACK MIDDLE SCHOOL IN STERLING. WE'RE TOLD THE TEST WAS DONE IN THE PAST WEEK. AND PEOPLE WHO CAME IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THAT STAFFER-- HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE: LOUDOUN COUNTY'S IN-SCHOOL SERVICES-- FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS-- DON'T BEGIN UNTIL OCTOBER 13TH-- SO SEVERAL WEEKS TO GO.

9/14 - WJLA 6AM (:20)

NEW THIS MORNING... THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND IS GETTING SOME NATIONAL RECOGNITION. IT'S INCLUDED ON "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S" NEW LIST OF THE NATION'S BEST COLLEGES... ALONG WITH SOME OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS. JOHNS HOPKINS IS IN A THREE-WAY TIE FOR NINTH PLACE. GEORGETOWN RANKS 23RD. THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA RANKS 26TH. WILLIAM AND MARY RANKS 39TH. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND IS IN A FIVE-WAY TIE FOR 58TH.

9/25 - WJLA 6AM (:55)

ARLINGTON LEADERS ARE MOVING FORWARD-- TO GET YOUR KIDS RETURNING TO SCHOOL... AND THIS MORNING-- WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF HOW IT'LL HAPPEN. ARLINGTON'S SUPERINTENDENT ROLLED OUT NEW TARGET DATES-- TO BRING KIDS BACK TO THE CLASSROOM. MOST STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING THE CURRICULUM WOULD GO BACK FIRST-- IN MID TO LATE OCTOBER. THEN-- PRE-K, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND OTHER STUDENTS WITH

DISABILITIES IN NOVEMBER. EARLY DECEMBER IS THE GOAL POST-- TO BRING BACK ALL STUDENTS WHO CHOSE HYBRID LEARNING. THE SUPERINTENDENT STRESSED THAT THESE ARE TARGET DATES. EACH PHASE DEPENDS ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR-- AND CURRENT COVID-19 CASE NUMBERS.

FAMILY ISSUES

7/1 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:20)

THE START OF A NEW MONTH MEANS NEW LAWS NOW IN MOTION ACROSS THE D-M-V. IN D-C, THERE'S BIG HELP FOR FAMILIES AS PAID LEAVE WILL BE AVAILABLE. PARENTS CAN NOW GET EIGHT WEEKS TO BE HOME WITH A NEWBORN OR A RECENT ADOPTION. MINIMUM WAGE ALSO GOES UP TO 15 DOLLARS AN HOUR.

7/17 - ABC7-24/7 10AM (:25)

MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER PLANNED TO ANNOUNCE A PLAN FOR DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS YESTERDAY -- BUT THE DECISION IS ON HOLD DUE TO SPIKES IN COVID-19. A FINALIZED PLAN FOR THE FALL SEMESTER WILL NOW BE ANNOUNCED ON JULY 31ST. BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, THE MAYOR SAYS SHE WILL HOST SEVERAL TOWN HALLS FOR PARENTS. SCHOOL IS STILL SCHEDULED TO START IN D-C - IN SOME FORM - ON AUGUST 31ST.

7/28 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:20)

IT'S BEING CALLED A 'DIGITAL DIVIDE' SOME D-C PARENTS WANTING THEIR CHILDREN *BACK* IN THE CLASSROOM-- BUT TEACHERS SAY THEY'RE NOT READY AND WANT TO TEACH *EVERYTHING* ONLINE. IN FACT, IN JUST A FEW HOURS FROM NOW TEACHERS PLAN TO PROTEST OUTSIDE MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S OFFICE IN NORTHWEST. THE SCHOOL'S REOPENING PLANS WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL FRIDAY- BUT EDUCATORS WE SPOKE TO SAY THEY WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR A LOT OF STUDENTS WON'T HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO LEARN AT HOME. WE'RE TOLD D-C-P-S HAS DISTRIBUTED A SURVEY TO DETERMINE HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN NEED OF COMPUTERS OR WIFI.

8/7 - WJLA 6PM (:15)

VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND HAVE BOTH *JUST* APPROVED STEPS TO HELP THOSE STRUGGLING. IN MARYLAND - ANYONE CAN NOW ENROLL THE STATE'S HEALTH CARE INSURANCE EXCHANGE. IN VIRGINIA - ALL

EVICTIONS HAVE JUST BEEN *BLOCKED* THROUGH AT LEAST SEPTEMBER SEVENTH.

8/19 - WJLA 5AM (:25)

FAIRFAX COUNTY IS ALSO SORTING OUT CHILD CARE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. ENROLLMENT BEGINS MONDAY.. AND THE COUNTY SAYS THERE WILL BE ENOUGH SPACE FOR THOSE PROGRAMS. THIS MORNING WE'RE LEARNING HOW MUCH IT'LL COST PARENTS. MOST 15-HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH-- THAT'S BASED ON INCOME. 37 LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN WITH STRICT LIMITS ON CLASS SIZE.

8/24 - WJLA 6AM (:50)

VIRTUAL LEARNING IS PUTTING THE PRESSURE-- ON PARENTS THIS FALL-- SOME FAMILIES COUNT ON MEALS AT SCHOOL-- TO FEED THEIR CHILDREN. AND SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN OUR AREA-- WANT TO HELP CONTINUE THAT -- EVEN AS KIDS STAY HOME. THEY'RE OFFERING "GRAB AND GO" BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SOMETIMES EVEN DINNER. WE VISITED ROCKY RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-- IN STAFFORD COUNTY -- WHICH HAS BEEN OFFERING-- ITS GRAB AND GO SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM-- ALL SUMMER. THE DISTRICT EVEN HAS AN EVENING PICK UP TIME-- SO PARENTS HAVE OPTIONS. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE REACHED OUT TO DISTRICTS ACROSS THE D-M-V. WE HAVE A LIST OF THE GRAB AND GO PLANS-- WITH LINKS TO REGISTER-- it's on the home page of WJLA.COM.

9/9 - ABC7-24/7 10PM (:25)

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE -- WITH NEW INFORMATION ON PLANS ANNOUNCED TODAY... TO HELP LOW-INCOME STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT GET INTERNET -- FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. D-C SAYS IT HAS FUNDING TO CONNECT UP TO 25-THOUSAND HOMES ANY D-C-P-S *OR* D-C CHARTER

SCHOOL STUDENT WHO QUALIFIES FOR "SNAP" OR "T-A-N-F" BENEFITS -- IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE INTERNET PROGRAM. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM SHOULD BE REACHING OUT TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES. BUT - IF YOU DON'T GET A CALL AND NEED HELP - REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL DIRECTLY.

9/14 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:35)

ARLINGTON COUNTY AND ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS-- ARE WORKING WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-- TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT COVID-19. STARTING TODAY THEY'LL HAND OUT FACE MASK KITS TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE KITS CONTAIN A RE-USEABLE MASK... HAND SANITIZER, AND MULTILINGUAL INFORMATION ABOUT COVID SUPPORT LIKE RENT AND FOOD ASSISTANCE. ARLINGTON IS ALSO EXPANDING COVID TESTING... WITH EXTENDED HOURS AT THE ARLINGTON MILL COMMUNITY CENTER. THE SITE WILL BE OPEN FROM ONE P-M TO SEVEN P-M ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. THERE WILL ALSO BE WEEKEND HOURS-- FROM 8 A-M TO NOON ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

9/24 - ABC7-24/7 7AM (:40)

AS THE PANDEMIC CONTINUES, CONCERNS ARE GROWING ABOUT CHILDREN WHO ARE IN ABUSIVE SITUATIONS. SOME ARE IN FOSTER CARE.. LIVING WITH A NEW FAMILY THEY DON'T KNOW. BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, RELATIVES CAN'T VISIT, AND THE CHILDREN ARE NOT IN SCHOOL. SO THEY'RE ISOLATED. COURT-APPOINTED ADVOCATES ARE HIGHLY TRAINED UNPAID VOLUNTEERS. THEY ACT AS THE EYES AND EARS FOR THE COURT, TO HELP DETERMINE WHAT'S IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST. BUT WITH SCHOOLS CLOSED, THERE ARE FEWER PEOPLE TO NOTICE AND REPORT ABUSE. REFERRALS ARE DOWN 70-PERCENT IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA ALONE.

ELDERLY & AGING

7/8- WJLA 5AM (:35)

THE PANDEMIC HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY HARD FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES - WHO HAVEN'T SEEN FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN MONTHS. BUT ONE MARYLAND DAUGHTER JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HER MOM TWO STORIES HIGH -- WITH THE HELP OF THE CRISFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. SHIRL CARMINE SAYS THE VISIT BROUGHT A LOT OF SPIRIT BACK INTO HER MOM. SHE SAYS IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE SO MUCH LIFE IN HER EYES.

7/11 - WJLA 8AM (:30)

THIS MORNING-- FOUR NURSING HOMES IN MARYLAND ARE FACING FINES FOR FAILING TO TEST ALL RESIDENTS AND STAFF FOR THE CORONAVIRUS. IN APRIL--GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN ORDERED UNIVERSAL TESTING AT ALL MARYLAND NURSING HOMES."VITA ADELPHI NURSING" IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND THE "STADIUM PLACE NURSING AND REHAB CENTER" IN BALTIMORE EACH FACE A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE. THE "GLEN BURNIE HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER" AND THE "POTOMAC VALLEY REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE" IN ROCKVILLE EACH FACE A FOUR-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE.

7/29 - WJLA 6AM (:25)

MARYLAND NURSING HOMES ARE FEELING PRESSURE FROM THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IT SAYS THE STATE WILL SOON STOP PAYING FOR THE WEEKLY CORONAVIRUS TESTING IT REQUIRES FOR STAFF. THAT'S WHAT "THE WASHINGTON POST" IS REPORTING. STATE OFFICIALS SAY NURSING HOMES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THE TESTS THROUGH FUNDING THEY RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL CARES ACT. BUT

INDUSTRY ADVOCATES SAY THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER THE COSTS.

8/10 - ABC7-24/7 10PM (:10)

A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE REMINDER NOW-- FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, MAKE SURE TO STAY HYDRATED, GET OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DONE EARLY IN THE DAY, AND CHECK ON ELDERLY NEIGHBORS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, NEVER LEAVE KIDS OR PETS IN A HOT CAR.

8/11 - ABC7-24/7 8AM (:30)

MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN HAS APPROVED A PLAN-- TO REDUCE MARYLAND'S VOTING LOCATIONS. THE PANDEMIC CAUSED A SHORTAGE OF POLL WORKERS. THE PLAN WILL USE THE STATE'S 282 HIGH SCHOOLS-- AS BOTH EARLY VOTING CENTERS-- AND AS VOTING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY. USUALLY-- MORE THAN 18-HUNDRED PRECINCTS WOULD OPEN FOR VOTING. HOGAN SAYS THE PLAN WILL REDUCE POLLING PLACES BY MORE THAN 80 PERCENT.. AND HE IS WORRIED ABOUT LONG LINES AND OVERCROWDING ON ELECTION DAY. HE URGES PEOPLE TO VOTE EARLY-- OR BY MAIL.

9/2 - WJLA 6PM (:25)

COVERING MONTGOMERY COUNTY... WHERE WE'RE GETTING NEW VIDEO TONIGHT OF AN ATTACK - ON SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE FAIRLAND COMMUNITY. TAKE A LOOK. POLICE SAY THREE PEOPLE WAITED FOR A 65-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AND 70-YEAR-OLD MAN TO LEAVE A HOME - THEN ROBBED THEM. THE VICTIMS WEREN'T SERIOUSLY HURT- BUT YOU CAN SEE THEY WERE THROWN TO THE GROUND.

9/11 - WJLA 6AM (:57)

FLASH FLOODING COVERED THE D-M-V YESTERDAY KEEPING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS BUSY. HERE IS A LOOK AT THE RESERVOIR ALONG COLESVILLE ROAD THAT WAS OVERFLOWING -- RESEMBLING RUSHING RAPIDS. OVER HERE - BEACH DRIVE IN KENSINGTON -- COMPLETELY WASHED OUT BY ROCK CREEK. CARS ABANDONED WHILE WATER RESCUES HAD TO BE DONE. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SHOCKING VIDEO HERE -- A METROBUS PUSHING THROUGH HIGH WATER-- EVEN THOUGH THE COMMON WARNING IS TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN WHEN YOU SEE FLOODWATER AT THIS LEVEL. BUT WATCH THIS... JUST PLUNGED THROUGH, HEADLONG IN MOUNT RAINIER. AND THIS IS THE DEL RAY NEIGHBORHOOD IN ALEXANDRIA. RESIDENTS ON LURAY AVENUE TOLD SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THEY'VE SEEN FLOODING LIKE THIS. THEY SUSPECT INFREQUENT MAINTENANCE OF ONE STORM DRAIN AND AGING INFRASTRUCTURE ARE LIKELY TO BLAME. SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE REACHED OUT TO ALEXANDRIA COUNCILMAN JOHN TAYLOR CHAPMAN. HE SAID THURSDAY'S FLOODING MEANS CITY LEADERS NEED TO QUICKLY CONSIDER WHOLESALE CHANGES IN TERMS OF STORM MANAGEMENT.